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Applicant : Basol et al.
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ELECTROCHEMICAL
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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 2, 2008

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Dear Sir:

The Applicants respectfully submit that the Final Office Action dated January 2, 2008 was sent in error. Aside from the mailing date and the signatures on page 13, the Final Office Action dated January 2, 2008 is *identical* to the Final Office Action dated November 6, 2007. The error in resending the Action is also evidenced by the "Status" in the Office Action Summary of the Final Office Action dated January 2, 2008, which indicates that it is responsive to the Amendment filed August 14, 2007. However, the Applicants submitted an Amendment on December 6, 2007 in response to the prior, identical Final Office Action. Accordingly, the next communication from the Office should be responsive to Applicants' Amendment of December 6, 2007. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request clarification about the status of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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